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**CALL FOR ARTISTS! DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION'S  
IRON RANGERS TO GET A COMPLETE MAKEOVER**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is, once again, seeking artists to design and paint wildlife and landscape scenes on the remaining 100-plus unpainted Iron Rangers, metal contribution containers located throughout Massachusetts that receive donations to benefit the state parks system through the Conservation Trust. The program is open to the public, and submissions are due by June 16, 2006. More information, including evaluation criteria and a list of Iron Ranger locations, can be obtained on the DCR website at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/trust/ironRangers.htm>

The 130 Iron Rangers, located in 88 DCR properties across the state, collect donations from the 10 million visitors the Commonwealth attracts to its state parks, beaches, and forests each year. Donations received through these Iron Rangers fund educational programs and conservation projects in the parks.

“This program, a component of DCR’s Clean and Green initiative, is an innovative way to improve park service and enhance the experience of visitors, while promoting partnerships in the parks and donations to the Conservation Trust,” said DCR Commissioner Stephen H. Burrington.

Previous years’ painting programs not only improved the aesthetic value of the Iron Rangers that were painted, but increased donation levels, in many instances by more than 50%. Pictures of the Iron Rangers painted last year can be viewed online at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/trust/ironRangers05.htm>.

The Conservation Trust, established by legislation in 1990, receives, exempt from taxation, bequests, restitution or gifts to be used for the purpose of advancing the recreational and conservation interests of the Commonwealth. The Trust provides a way for citizens, businesses and foundations to contribute to the recreational and conservational interests of Massachusetts. Tax-deductible contributions can be designated for particular parks or programs of the donor’s choice.

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